

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 881

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Huebner, on his receipt of the Mullane Award for his selection as Tennessee Geography Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, David Huebner is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huebner has recently received the Mullane Award for his selection as Tennessee Geography Teacher of Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious Mullane Award is named in honor of Tom and Stella Mullane and is given to the Tennessee Geography Teacher of the Year; in addition to this honor, Mr. Huebner also received a plaque and a cash award; and

WHEREAS, an ordained pastor with a background in music business, David Huebner received his bachelor's degree in geography and a master's degree in religious education from the University of Texas-Austin and a master's degree in teaching from Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, David Huebner has served with acumen and alacrity as a geography teacher for six exemplary years and is currently teaching for a second year at Ravenwood High School, where he is also the geography department's team leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huebner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, David Huebner brings a unique world perspective to his teaching; he spent four years of his childhood in Japan, lived in Alaska when he was a teenager, and has traveled

all over the United States, and he brings all of these experiences into his classroom lessons; and

WHEREAS, a forward-thinking teacher, he grabs his students' attention by starting each class with a song of the day that is related to the day's lesson and incorporates the latest technologies and educational tools into his teaching, using programs such as Google Earth, Movie Maker, and Photo Story 3 to make his lessons come to life for his students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huebner generously donates his time and talents to the students at Ravenwood High School as the sponsor of Ravenwood's Model United Nations club; and

WHEREAS, although he has received top recognition for his admirable teaching, David Huebner continues in his tireless pursuit of quality teaching, stating that he will never be satisfied with who he is as a teacher, and he will always try to be a better one; and

WHEREAS, David Huebner truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, David Huebner is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huebner truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate David Huebner of Ravenwood High School on being chosen as the recipient of the Mullane Award as Tennessee Geography Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.